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Weekly Views

For the past few months, Commissioner Bruce Lemmon, Community Corrections Director Michael Lloyd and staff have been traveling across the state to present performance bonuses to the state's top performing Community Corrections agencies. Each agency was scored based on their achievements in diverting non-violent D felons and the use of evidence based practices. 19 counties received a Level 1 (A) and a check for \$20,932.18; 21 counties received a Level 2 (B) and a check for \$13,815.24; and nine counties received a Level 3 (C) and a check for \$6,907.62.

On Memorial Day, Camp Summit Boot Camp staff John Cosich and Patrick Cleary took 12 honor students to a South Bend Silverhawks baseball game

against the Lansing Lugnuts from Michigan. Both teams are Class A minor league baseball teams with the Silverhawks being affiliated with the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Lugnuts being affiliated with the Toronto Blue Jays. The home team won the game 9-2. Several students indicated that they had never been to a baseball game, let alone a professional game. The 12 honor students in attendance are near release and have maintained points in the top ten percent of all the students in the facility. Each month the honor students participate in a community, cultural or recreational activity.

Excited and anxious faces accompanied a group of 22 criminal justice students and their professor from Indiana State University in Terre Haute, IN as they toured inside Putnamville Correctional Facility (ISF). Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Dr. Sudipto Roy and his pupils enjoyed seeing how the facility is run daily, the differences between ISF and other facilities, as well as the commonalities with most penal institutions.

Staff Development and Training conducted the first week of the 2014 Leadership Academy at the Correctional Training Institute (CTI). A total of 27 staff throughout the Department participated in the week long training event. Superintendent Knight was the keynote speaker for the last day of training at the park. The second week of the Leadership Academy is scheduled for July 21-25, 2014 at CTI.

Central Office held a retirement celebration to recognize some of the Indiana Department of Correction's longtime employees who have reached their retirement "MRD" and will be leaving state service in the next few months. Among those who were recognized were SOMM Program Director Harry Miller, Southbend Reentry Superintendent Greg Cress, Pendleton PIO Neil Potter, Parole Southern Regional Director John Markham, former Superintendent Rich Clark and Internal Affairs Chief Investigator Willard Plank.

Pendleton Correctional Facility staff, department staff and retirees came together to celebrate, reminisce on old times and wish Neil Potter a healthy and prosperous retirement during a retirement party at the facility. "Throughout his 43 years of service, Neil's contributions to this facility were immeasurable. He inspired others to excel, has been a pioneer, icon, mentor and genuine friend to everyone around him," stated Superintendent Zatecky.

Chain O' Lakes Correctional Facility (COLCF) Officer Kim Satterfield is retiring after 23 years of service in the Department. He began his career at Northeast Juvenile in 1991. He transferred to COLCF in 2010. During his time at COLCF, he has served as a shift supervisor and master count officer. Everyone at the facility would like to wish Mr. Satterfield the best as he enters a new chapter in life! Chain O' Lakes also promoted two staff to sergeant. Selected were Yolanda Jones and Michael Villarreal. Sergeant Jones began her career with the Department in October 1998 at the Indiana State Prison (ISP) as a correctional officer. She transferred in 2000 to COLCF where she serves as a reentry coordinator and facilitates job assignments. She is a 2013 graduate of Offender Workforce Development Specialist program and served on Miami Correctional Facility's SITCON squad. Michael Villarreal began his career with the Kansas Department of Corrections in 2009 then relocated to Indiana in 2011 where he continued to develop his skills at Branchville Correctional Facility. He served as a Field Training Officer and Quick Response Team member. Sergeant Villarreal also worked at ISP before transferring COLCF.

Miami Correctional Facility's American Legion Post 555 was presented with a 100 percent Membership Banner and plaque for reaching 100 percent membership. The banner will hang on the American Legion flag. Post 555 has received a banner and plaque every year since the Post was chartered in 2009, with this being the fourth year the legion has achieved this recognition. This achievement is something that is not seen by many posts, according to Post 555 Commander Earl Kimmerling. "It's hard to obtain, especially in this setting. And of the all the legions on the outside only three in the state have done it since they were chartered."

The 2nd Annual Indiana Women's Prison Big Wheel Race was a great success thanks to outstanding custody staff, team sponsors and a supportive audience! Over a month ago, approximately 84 offenders signed up and competed for the top five qualifying team positions. Each driver must have a good facility conduct history and meet the weight requirements. The course consists of eight total laps, and four individuals on each team raced two laps. In keeping with the tradition of the Indianapolis 500 and Brickyard 400, there is also a pace lap. With a dramatic come from behind win, Team Vogel finished in first place with a new track record time of 17:22. The facility would especially like to thank Mr. Rang for his wonderful rendition of "Back Home Again in Indiana", Ms. Schmalfeldt the Grand Marshal, Ms. Bowie the Pace Car driver, Mr. Horan event videographer, Mr. Medvescek event photographer, Superintendent McCauley for his outstanding race insight and Angels Wings for their donations!